

NEWS LETTER #8

Hi Fans!

The pennants are in and are being mailed out to fans who have already sent in their 50¢. They are 17 inches long, white background with a bright tangerine Carpenter silhouette and Logo which is especially eye catching under a black light. They are a groovy enhancement for your wall or bulleting board. Orders for the pennants will be filled as fast as they come in. Send 50¢ to: CARPENTERS, P.O. Box 1084, Downey, CA 90240.

November brought another honor to our famous duo. This time a telegram from Jack Haley and Danny Thomas informed them they had been voted MUSICAL GROUP OF THE YEAR by the American Guild of Variety Artists. The award will be presented on a major TV Special on CBS hosted by Ed Sullivan on Saturday December 11.

Sunday December 5, Karen & Richard will be Grand Marshall of the Downey Christmas Parade. Two days hence will be Carpenter day in Downey with a full schedule planned for the popular Carpenters. There will be visits to hospitals where they will visit patients and give autographs; a tree planting ceremony in a local park; a tour of the Work Training Center; a luncheon hosted by the Rotary; and a tour of the Downey Theater and a reception there in their honor. At the theater they will initiate a "Wall of Fame" by presenting two Gold Record to the City of Downey. Sounds exciting, doesn't it? Richard and Karen are extremely please & humble about this great honor.

They are also looking forward to appearing again with Carol Burnett. They will tape a second show the first week of January so you should be viewing it a couple weeks later. Watch your TV Guide.

ough the November tour has ended, Karen & Richard are still back East visiting aunts, and uncles. By the time you read this newsletter, they will be winging their way home to cut another album.

Since I haven't been able to talk to them for the highlights of their tour I'll answer a few of the questions that have been asked by a jillion fans. Hope you will enjoy this question and answer session!

Q: Is Carpenters their real name?

A: Yes.

Q: Do they have any other brothers or sisters?

A: No. Karen and Richard are the only youngsters.

Q: Do either of them have any nick names?

A: Believe it or not - NO.

Q: What type of clothes do they prefer?

A: Casual - Neat - Clean.

Q: Who is their favorite group?

A: The Beatles.

Q: How did they get started in show biz?

A: By making home-made tapes in Joe Osborne's garage & sending or taking them to various recording companies. They were turned away many times because their music was "too pretty."

Q: Did they ever take voice lessons?

A: They both took choir at Long Beach State College

Q: What made Karen decide to play drums.

A: It was an inborn talent she never knew she possessed until she played snore drum in the high school marching band in order to be excused from gym.

Q: Do they ever play for high school proms?

A: No. They are not a dance band. They are entertainers.

Q: Do they play any high school performances?

A: No. Most high school budgets do not allow for big name entertainers.

Q: Will "Merry Christmas Darling" be released again this year?

A: It is on the market now. Have your local music store manager order it for you if he does not have it.

That's about it for this time. Let us know if you would like another question & answer session next year

Karen & Richard told me to be SURE to wish each and every one of you a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A VERY HAPPY 1972!

and I do too

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